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SUBJECT: ROMULO ON ASEAN "DRAFT DECLARATION"

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1. ON RETURN FROM PATTAYA MINISTERIAL FEB 11, ROMULO TOLD PRESS HE WAS CARRYING "DRAFT DECLARATION" INTENDED TO EMBODY "ALL THE SALIENT POINTS FOR NEW COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS BY ASEAN." ROMULO SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS "FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF DRAFT WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS."

2. MORE NOTEWORTHY OF ROMULO REMARKS (AS CARRIED BY GOP NEWS AGENCY, PNA) WERE AS FOLLOWS (IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW MUCH, IF ANY, OF THIS IS INCLUDED IN "DRAFT DECLARATION"):

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A. "DETAILS" OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION WILL BE THRESHED OUT A ECONOMIC MINISTERIAL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SUMMIT;

B. "STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO CREATE PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING BOTH TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES;"

C. RE SECURITY, "COMPLETE AGREEMENT" WAS REACHED ON DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUED COOPERATION ALONG PRESENT LINES, BUT "GENERAL VIEW" WAS THAT "SECURITY COOPERATION SHOULD NOT BE INSTITUTIONALIZED ON AN ASEAN BASIS. PRESIDENT MARCOS FOR ONE DOES NOT BELIEVE IN AN ASEAN MILITARY ALLIANCE;"

D. "LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE" NEW SECRETARIAT WHICH IS TO BE ESTABLISHED AT BALI SUMMIT WILL INITIATE STUDIES TO DRAFT AN ASEAN CONSTITUTION.

3. ROMULO ALSO INFORMED HOME AUDIENCE THAT "CERTAIN COUNTRIES" WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN POST SUMMIT DISCUSSIONS, BUT "WE HOPE" THAT ASEAN CONSULTATIONS WILL ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGIONS MIGHT BE HELD "AT A LATER STAGE."

4. COMMENT: AS NOTED REFTTEL, PRESIDENT MARCOS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE THAT MINISTERIAL BROKE UP WITHOUT COMPLETING "SOLIDARITY DECLARATION" WHICH WE ASSUME IS SAME "DRAFT DECLARATION" TO WHICH ROMULO REFERS. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN FILLED WITH WELTER OF CONTRADICTORY WIRE SERVICE STORIES ABOUT WHAT MINISTERIAL DID OR DIDN'T ACCOMPLISH, FROM WHICH A CAREFUL READER WILL DISCERN THAT ASEAN SUMMITTEERS ARE STILL SOME DISTANCE FROM BLISSFUL CONSENSUS.
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